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A.C. General Manager Returns
To Clifton After Vacation

Norman Carmichael, General Manager of The Arizona Copper Co. Ltd., accompanied by Mrs. Carmichael and children, returned the first part of the week from a six week's vacation trip most of the time being spent on Vancouver Island motoring, which Mr. Carmichael describes as the mecca for motorists from all parts of this continent.

Vancouver Island proper is approximately three hundred miles long by eighty miles wide and the highways are in splendid condition, surfaced with gravel, well drained and as hard as a paved street. Mr. Carmichael stated that he saw between two and three hundred cars motoring about the island from almost every state in the Union, one party being from El Paso.

In addition to the timber and fisheries the inhabitants reap a harvest from the tourists and a large number of retired business men from the United States and Canada have built beautiful residences there.

Having tried strict prohibition of the liquor traffic in British Columbia, Mr. Carmichael stated that the people of British Columbia have abandoned prohibition and placed the control and sale of liquor in the hands of the government, and from expressions heard on the subject, and observation of the workings of the government control of the sale of liquor, the general opinion is that the latter policy is proving quite satisfactory, and instead of an enormous expense under satisfactory results, under prohibition, a revenue is created under the government plan, and the sale of hard liquor is limited by the use of the

permit and registration system.

Under the British Columbia plan the government purchases the liquor outright from the distillers and dispenses it from government liquor stores in quantities not to exceed three quarts to one person in a given period. Before being able to purchase any amount of liquor one must register and get a permit which costs fifty cents. The liquor is sold from the government dispensaries only on such permits. The package of wet goods must be carried away to one's home and no drinking or treating in public is allowed under the law. For example it is not permissible to have liquor served in hotel dining rooms, or in clubs. The liquor dispensed by the government stores is for private consumption and the amount that may be secured by the permit system is limited.

When asked if there had been any new developments recently in the pending negotiations between The Arizona Copper Co. Ltd. for the sale of the A. C. property to Phelps Dodge Company, Mr. Carmichael stated that there had been none to his knowledge. That the matter was still in statu quo pending the meeting of the A. C. Co. stockholders in Edinburgh, Scotland sometime during the present month. In the event that the Arizona Copper Co. Ltd. stockholders should ratify the agreement of sale Mr. Carmichael stated the date of actual transfer of holdings would be problematical. In the meantime however, it is known that officials of both companies are engaged with details looking toward the transfer, as evidenced by the visit of Phelps Dodge officials to Clifton several weeks ago.

GRANT COUNTY GIVES
ASSURANCE FOR
MULE CREEK LINK

At a meeting of the Grant County, N. M. county commissioners, held in Silver City on Wednesday of this week, at which time an official resolution was passed, guaranteeing the construction of the New Mexico portion of the Mule Creek Interstate Highway link, it is confidently believed that the last obstacle in this important project has been removed, and with a copy of the official resolution now in the hands of the State Highway Department, it is a foregone conclusion that dirt will begin to fly on the Greenlee portion of the link within the next thirty days.

That the State Highway Department of Arizona and Governor Campbell are in hearty accord with this road project was evidenced last week when Col. Dell M. Potter, president of The Southern National Highway, was in receipt of the following communication from the office of the Governor:

Executive Office.

Phoenix, Arizona August 26, 1921.
My Dear Col. Potter:

I have read with great interest your letters of 22nd and 26th inst., and have discussed their contents with Mr. Maddock. It is certainly good to note the assurances given which are surely deserving of appreciative consideration.

After discussing the matter with Mr. Maddock I have directed him to communicate with the county commissioners of Grant County, N. M. and to advise them that whenever due assurance is given by them, through proper official resolution, that they will construct a road from the New Mexico end to connect with the Arizona road, the latter to be built by the expenditure of state funds and those of Greenlee County, work will be started by Arizona on this project.

Appreciating the energetic interest you have taken in this matter, I am, with kind personal regards,

THOS. E. CAMPBELL, Governor.

Following the receipt of the above letter from the Governor of the state, and a subsequent telegram from the State Highway Department, a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Clifton Commercial Club was called, and it was decided to send a representative of the Club to be present at the meeting of the County Commissioners in Silver City on Wednesday. Mr. C. J. Brooke was chosen as the representative and left Monday for the county seat of Grant county bearing with him a rough draft of a resolution which was taken up with The Grant County Chamber of Commerce prior to the meeting of the Commissioners. Mr. Brooke returned to Clifton Wednesday evening and reported that the county Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce and the public in general on the New Mexico side of the line, were all in favor of the Mule Creek connection with Arizona, and especial interest was manifested in cutting their distance one half from New Mexico points to the Grand Canyon via Mule Creek and the Clifton-Springerville Highway.

A copy of the resolution passed by the Grant County Commissioners, in regular session and spread upon the minutes, is as follows:

WHEREAS, at a meeting of delegates from the counties of Greenlee, Gila, Graham and Maricopa in Arizona, and the counties of Grant, Sierra, Socorro and Hidalgo in New Mexico, held in Silver City, New Mexico in March 1920, the desirability of the construction of a direct, interstate scenic and commercial highway connecting the Elephant Butte Dam in New Mexico and the Roosevelt Dam in Arizona was emphasized, and the organization of the Southern Good Roads Association was authorized to encourage the completion of various links in such proposed highway, and

WHEREAS, working toward the realization of this general desire to build such links as time, money and other conditions would permit, has resulted in the improvement of old, and the construction of new highways in Sierra and Grant counties, New Mexico, as follows:

(a). Black Range Link (state highway) from intersection with the Hillsboro-Lake Valley State Highway, 12 miles south of Hillsboro, to the Mimbres River, completed at a cost of approximately \$65,000.00.

(b). Mimbres River Crossing at Sherman, N. M. to Santa Rita; a Federal Aid Project part of which (from the foot of San Lorenzo Hill to Santa Rita) survey is completed and bids to be advertised for in October 1921 to cost \$120,000.00, and balance Federal Aid applied for and survey to be made immediately.

(c). Santa Rita to Silver City, 17 miles, Federal Aid Project costing \$240,000.00, now under construction, to be completed within six months, and

WHEREAS, in further efforts toward the completion of joint plans for such interstate highway, this Board of County Commissioners for Grant County has taken the following actions in improvements of other old and construction of other new highways:

(a). From Silver City to the mouth of Fleming Draw in the Mangus Valley; application made for Federal

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MEXICO CITY TO HAVE
BIG CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION

Consul Valdes is in receipt of the following telegram from the Mexican Embassy at Washington, D. C.

"By mail you will receive full program. Since the first day of this month Mexico has inaugurated the Centennial Celebration of the Consummation of its Independence.

Special notice to be taken among numerous items which cover the entire month is the reception to be given by the Secretary of State to the Delegations of Foreign Countries and Diplomatic Corps, on the tenth. Also free distribution of full equipment for twenty thousand poor people of the City and opening of eight public dining rooms. Inauguration of Educational exposition and babies week, on the eleventh. Gala function at the Arbutus Theatre by the City Council, on the twelfth. Most interesting trip to San Juan Teotihuacan. Greatest Archeological find, on the fourteenth. Also inauguration of the Juridic Congress at Arbutus Theatre. Oath to the flag by school children of the Federal District to be taken by the President and also traditional Homage to the Independence Heroes rendered by the President and his Cabinet at their altar in the Cathedral. Characteristic popular celebrations at theatres and motion pictures houses, fireworks around the City, on the sixteenth. Also great centennial lottery five hundred thousand pesos prize. Its proceeds to go for benefit of invalid soldiers institutions. Opening of First International Congress of Students also inauguration of the Mexico and Toluca road, on the seventeenth. Great Civic Parade of Industry and Commerce, Floral Contest, Allegorical floats and great floral combat; also banquet to President and centennial guest by the City Bankers on the eighteenth. Inauguration of popular art exposition, special opera night, on the nineteenth. Inauguration of childrens play grounds donated by American colony, on the twentieth. Great celebration Mexican night at Chapultepec Park, on the twenty-first.

Typical display, on the twenty-sixth. Tribute to Insurgent soldiers and Grand Military parade, sixteen thousand units, also opening National Geographic Congress and popular celebrations, on the twenty-seventh. Farewell banquet and reception given by the President on the thirtieth. Commercial International Exposition, Italian Opera Company and American Theatrical Artists especially engaged for all month performance. Spontaneous cooperation of all classes predicts great success for Commemoration of National Event.

Twenty per cent discount on railroad fares. All excursionists will have their passports vised free of charge. For all information regarding the special trip planned for the month of September, call at the Mexican Consulate.

JURY RETURNS VERDICT
FOR MINING COMPANY

Tombstone, Sept. 1.—The jury in the case of Ogarkovich vs. Calumet & Arizona Mining Company returned a verdict in favor of the company. Ogarkovich was suing for \$15,000.00 for injuries which he claimed he sustained while working in the Junction mine, which resulted in a hernia. The case developed a great amount of expert medical testimony. Doctors Walker and Brandon of Bisbee, testified as experts for Ogarkovich, and Doctors Adamson and Greene of Douglas, and Randolph, Bledsoe and Edmondson of Bisbee, were called as experts by the company. The company contended that Ogarkovich did not sustain a hernia and his physical condition was due to other causes, which view apparently was accepted by the jury.

John Wilson Ross of Bisbee and R. N. French of Douglas represented the plaintiff. Clean T. Knapp of Bisbee represented the case for the company.

JUDGE LALLY RETURNS—

Judge J. M. Lally, Justice of the Peace of Morenci, returned to Morenci from the Palomas Hot Springs in New Mexico on Monday last, where he went three weeks ago on account of his health which has been failing for several months. Upon his return the condition of the Judge was such that it was necessary to assist him to his home on a stretcher.

MURDER TRIAL IN COCHISE—

A sensational murder trial is on in Cochise county this week where two Mexicans, Manuel Garcia and Jose Perez, are on trial for the murder of Jess Fisher, foreman of the John Slaughter, ranch at San Bernardino, on the night of May 4th last. The two Mexicans have been identified as the slayers by Mrs. John Slaughter and Miss Edith Stowe, who were at the ranch at the time. The Mexicans claim the murder was committed by Mexican bandits who crossed the international boundary and tied them in the corral while they murdered the foreman. The trial is being followed with intense interest.

Mrs. W. R. Hutchins, who has been visiting relatives in California, returned home on Wednesday evening.

Stargo Mines Co. Inc. Makes
Agreement For Cyanide Mill

Following an examination of the property of The Stargo Mines Inc., near Morenci, made in June of this year by Walter Harvey Weed and E. C. Sievers, representing New York and New Jersey capitalists and investors, at which time these two engineers spent ten days on the property, an agreement was entered into last week between the Company and F. O. Longcor, of Newark, Essex Co., New Jersey, the terms of which calls for the early commencement of construction of a mill on the Stargo property and at the same time provide additional funds for deeper development work.

M. J. Hannon, General Manager of Stargo Mines Inc., was called to Los Angeles two weeks ago where on August 26th the agreement was entered into between the Executive Committee of the Company and Mr. Longcor. Those present representing the Executive Committee were M. J. Hannon, George J. Stoneman, P. A. Tharston and W. J. Graham.

Following the execution of the agreement Mr. Longcor returned from Los Angeles with Mr. Hannon, accompanied by Mr. Sievers, and after a day's visit on the property, proceeded to his home in Newark, New Jersey.

It is understood that under the terms of the agreement Mr. Longcor and his eastern associates will purchase the remaining treasury stock of the Stargo Mines Inc., at the price fixed by The Arizona Corporation Commission, which sum will provide the

funds for the erection of the mill and further development. In addition it is understood that Mr. Longcor has secured an option on a block of stock owned by present stockholders, sufficient to give him and his associates control of all of the outstanding stock of the company.

Under the terms of the agreement ample funds are made available for continuing the development work and within sixty days it may be expected that this work will be started and in the meantime The General Engineering Co. of Salt Lake City, will prepare the plans for the cyanide mill, from mill tests which they have already made.

The Stargo group of claims, lying about a mile and a half south east of Morenci, twenty-eight in number, were acquired outright by the Stargo Mines Inc., in July 1920, when the company made the final payment to the original owners, under an option secured by M. J. Hannon three years ago. During the past two years the mines have been operated and developed, steady shipments being made to the C. & A. smelter at Douglas, up to the time the smelter was closed down.

It has been realized for a long time that the most economical process of extracting the values from the Stargo ores would be by the erection of a cyanide mill on the property. It now appears that under the terms of the agreement entered into by The Stargo Mines Inc., and Mr. Longcor that sufficient funds for this purpose will soon be forthcoming.

ACTIVITY IN COPPER
WILL REVIVE SOON

Tucson, Sept. 3.—Belief in the possibility that the mines in Arizona and New Mexico will open about the first of the year was expressed yesterday by Dr. L. D. Ricketts of Warren, Ariz., consulting engineer for the Inspiration Consolidated Copper company, the Cananea Consolidated Copper company and the International Smelting and Refining company. Dr. Ricketts was in Tucson yesterday to attend the meeting of the university's board of regents, of which he is a member.

"I believe that we have reached the rock bottom of our period of depression and that we are on our way to the hill top," Dr. Ricketts said. "I do not wish to appear pessimistic but there is no doubt that the present market for copper is bad. As soon as it improves sufficiently the mines will open. I think that most of them will probably resume operations at about the same time.

"I have not been in the east for some time, so that my impression concerning the situation there is necessarily second hand. Nevertheless, I believe that I can say, without being unduly optimistic that better days are not far from us.

"As soon as they can get any sort of price for the product the mining companies will reopen their mines."

Eminent Engineer

Dr. Ricketts has a national reputation for this research work in mining engineering. He is the author of a number of scholarly monographs on the subject, his paper on "Experiments in Reverberatory Practice at Cananea, Mexico," having won him the gold medal of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy of Great Britain in 1910.

He is a member of the American Society of Engineers, the American Institute of Mining Engineers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy of Great Britain.

Dr. Ricketts returned to Bisbee yesterday afternoon. Shortly before his departure he conferred with D. J. Roberts, purchasing agent for the El Paso smelting works.

Mr. Roberts reports that west Texas expects the mines to resume operation about the first of the year.

"The silver and lead market is about as good as can be expected, and we are smelting these metals right along," Mr. Roberts said.

CLIFTON COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING—

The regular monthly meeting of the Clifton Commercial Club was held at the "Y" building on Tuesday evening with a good attendance. At this meeting a committee consisting of Dr. Burtch, P. Reilly and D. W. Jones was named as a nominating committee to receive nominations for officers of the Club for the ensuing six months. Among other matters discussed was the construction and repair of the Graham county portion of the Clifton-Safford State Highway and Mr. Miner O. Simms was appointed a committee of one to interview the Graham County authorities as to their plans regarding this section of the road. With the completion of the Mule Creek Interstate Link Highway between Silver City and Clifton, it is highly important that the highway leading from Clifton to Safford should be put in first class condition.

STOCK GRAZING
FEE POSTPONED

Stockmen with range allotments on government reserve land will learn with relief that a further postponement of the payment of range fees until December 1, has been allowed.

This will come as a great boon to a majority of cattlemen as they will be given an opportunity to dispose of their fall steers before being required to meet the range payment to the government.

Announcement that the bill calling for further postponement had passed both the senate and lower house and has received the signature of the president was received by forest rangers Tuesday.

Because of the numerous inquiries from cattlemen of this section, who were vitally interested in the passing of the bill, an inquiry concerning it was wired to the forestry office at Albuquerque. The answer was re-cited to the effect that the bill had received the president's signature Monday evening.

The payment of government range fees are normally due March 1. Because of the difficulties under which cattlemen have been operating, due to drought and a slack market, the payment of fees was first postponed until September 1. As the situation of cattlemen is little changed from their spring status, the bid calling for an additional three months delay was introduced, backed solidly by the influence of the cattle association.

The charge for cattle grazing amounts to anywhere from \$1 to \$1.50 a head per year, according to the class of range, many of the stockmen, who are long on cattle but distressingly short on money, would have faced an embarrassing situation had the government demanded payment of fees by September 1. With a three-month's postponement, together with excellent grass with which all ranges of these sections are covered, the stockmen should be able to meet their obligation to the government by December 1 without any undue burden upon themselves.

STOCKMAN PAYS MORE
FOR BABY'S SHOES THAN
PRICE OF STEER'S HIDE

Washington, D. C. Sept. 2.—The fight for a tariff on hides, a provision of the Fordney bill killed by the house was opened today before the senate finance committee by Frank B. McClain, Lancaster, Pa., vice president of the National Livestock exchange.

Asked whether a 25 per cent duty would increase the cost of shoes to the consumer, the witness declared it ought not to raise the price five cents a pair.

He followed this with a charge that the manufacturers were making exorbitant profits, declaring that "shoes to fit a three year old child cost the farmer more than he gets for the hide from his 1200 pound steer."

"Talk about normalcy," Mr. McClain asserted, "there can be no normalcy, no dawn of a new day until the dollar of the farmer buys for him the same as the dollar which he takes for what he sells."

BAPTIST MISSIONARY TO MEET—
The Baptist Missionary Society will meet September 15th at the home of Mrs. R. W. Simpson, to take up a new missionary study. All members and their friends are invited to attend.

STATE LABORATORY
ADVISES BOILING
WATER

Following an analysis of a sample of water used in Clifton for drinking purposes, sent to the State Laboratory at the University of Arizona, a report was received by Dr. L. A. W. Burtch, city health officer, this week, which read as follows: "In our opinion this water should be boiled for twenty minutes before using it for drinking purposes, especially in the case of the Clifton water, since Bacillus Colli is evidence of sewage pollution."

"During the first part of the week there were a number of exaggerated rumors about town concerning the analysis received by the health officer but an investigation discloses that there is no real cause for alarm."

It appears that recently Dr. Burtch forwarded samples of water and milk to the state laboratory, as is done at frequent intervals, and that the report on the Clifton water from this particular sample, showed evidence of sewage pollution. The doctor stated that this does not mean that typhoid fever, or any other specific germs, are present in the water, but as is the case in many cities, as a precautionary measure, it would be advisable to follow the advice of the state laboratory and boil the Clifton water for the time being for drinking purposes. Upon the receipt of the analysis Dr. Burtch instructed the employees at the county hospital to use only boiled water for drinking purposes for the patients.

This matter was discussed at a meeting of the Clifton Commercial Club on Tuesday evening last in the presence of Dr. Burtch and Supt. Davis, of the Clifton Water Company.

SAFFORD COURT NEWS

Judge Franklin B. Laine, of Clifton, was called to Safford Thursday of last week to preside over the Superior Court.

In the Juvenile Court, George Campbell pleaded guilty to the charge of robbing the Greenhalgh grocery store in Layton, on Sunday night, August 21st, and was sentenced to serve three years in the Industrial School at Fort Grant. Sheriff Skaggs and Mangum left with the boy Sunday for the school.

Sandy Shirley and Milt Waddell, who were charged with robbing the Downen Pool Hall and the American Pool Hall, were discharged. The Shirley boy is being held, however, until his parents, who are in California, send for him.

In the Superior Court, L. W. Racine, who was arrested several weeks ago for transporting liquor, pleaded guilty and was fined \$75.00 and forty days in jail. His car was also confiscated. Manuel Montez, charged with bootlegging, was fined \$200.00 and sixty days in jail.

Rube Colwin, charged with the theft of an automobile tire belonging to Richard Layton, of Thatcher, was fined \$150.00.

Earl Carnes, who was arrested in connection with the pool hall robberies, was fined \$150.00 and given sixty days in jail.

GREENLEE COUNTY
HERO IS LAID TO
REST IN WICHITA

The remains of Harold E. Wilson, son of Mon. Thos. P. Wilson and wife, who was killed on the battlefield in the World War, three days before the signing of the armistice, were interred in Wichita, Kansas, Maple Grove Cemetery, on August 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Wilson and family were present at the funeral exercises making the trip from Eagle Creek for the purpose.

For the first time in Wichita, the American Legion emblem was wrought in flowers for the funeral of Harold E. Wilson. The work was of rare workmanship, done in the colors of the original emblem and complete in detail. The Harold E. Wilson post, of Clifton, ordered the emblem made.

An exchange from Wichita contains the following account of the funeral, written by David D. Leahy:

"Quite a notable lot of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Wilson gathered here Tuesday afternoon from many points in Southern Kansas and Oklahoma to attend the funeral of their 26-year-old boy, Harold E. Wilson, who was killed in action in France three days previous to the signing of the armistice in 1918. At first young Mr. Wilson was buried on the battlefield. Afterwards the body was removed to a French cemetery and now it rests in Maple Grove, this city, making three burials in all. Having belonged to the 89th division he was sent to France almost immediately upon entering the service and saw a good deal of fighting.

"Altho his parents now live in Arizona, where the father is a member of the legislature, as he was in Kansas twenty years ago, the young man was educated in Wichita, first going thru business college, Charles C. Chandler, a life-long friend of the family, attached the young man to the First National Bank, where he was making a splendid record when called to the war. A fine young fellow, his death was greatly mourned here and the American Legion spoke a fine military farewell to him at the grave."

A letter received by the Copper Era from Col. Wilson states that he will be back in Clifton in a few days.

ROAD CONTRACTS LET

The State Highway Commission of New Mexico has awarded to the J. V. Stryker Construction Company of Denver, the contract for building 32.60 miles of road from Fort Bayard to Hurley, the price being \$27,925.35. The commission also has awarded to C. C. McGlothlin, of Mesa, Ariz., the contract for building 32.60 miles of road from Steins to Rodeo, in Hidalgo county, the bid price being \$83,823.21. Both bids were under estimates furnished by the state highway engineer. Work will start immediately.

Thos. Smith, formerly a clerk in the supply department of The Arizona Copper Co., has accepted a position as bookkeeper with Webster Bros. and Kerby and left on Thursday for the road camp near Pine Flat.